

REMARKS

Applicants want to point out several inadvertent typographical errors made in the Response filed on August 10, 2006 and the Rule 132 Declaration attached to the Response. Even though these typographical errors should be readily apparent to the Examiner based on the context, the typographical errors are pointed out below for the convenience of the Examiner.

The Rule 132 Declaration had typographical errors concerning the number of pictures attached to the Declaration. Page 8 of the Rule 132 Declaration has a paragraph which is reproduced below.

“Also attached is a sheet having 9 pictures comparing the “transparency” of the polyesters produced in Comparative Example 1 (labeled as “Con 1 (J)”), Comparative Example 4 (labeled as “Con 4 (Na_R”) and Examples 1-10 (labeled as “Ex. 1”, “Ex. 2”, “Ex. 3”, etc.). In each of the 9 pictures, the polyester strands produced in Comparative Example 4 were laid side by side with the polyester strands produced in some of the Examples 1-10, except that in the right picture in the bottom row the polyester strands produced in Comparative Example 1 were included for comparison. The 9 pictures show that the polyester strands produced in Example 1-10 were transparent and clear so that, even though the polyester strands actually extended horizontally from the left side to the right side of the pictures, one could barely discern a faint outline, or could not even discern any outline, in some portions of the polyester strands of Examples 1-10 in the 9 pictures. In contrast, the polyester strands produced in Comparative Example 4 were hazy. The polyester strands produced in Comparative Example 1 were both being hazy and having bubbles inside.”

Instead of “a sheet having 9 pictures”, the sheet attached to the Rule 132 Declaration actually had only 6 pictures. One of ordinary skill in the art reviewing the

Rule 132 Declaration would readily understand that “a sheet having 9 pictures” was meant to be “a sheet having 6 pictures”. Applicants note that the sheet of 6 pictures attached to the Rule 132 Declaration was a copy of the sheet of pictures shown to Example Lee and Supervisory Primary Examiner Wu during the personal interview conducted on July 26, 2006, so the typographical errors were inadvertent with no deceptive intent. The 6 pictures on the sheet attached to the Rule 132 Declaration were:

- a top left picture comparing Comparative Example 4 and Example 10;
- a top middle picture comparing Comparative Example 4 with Examples 8 and 9;
- a top right picture comparing Comparative Example 4 with Examples 6 and 7;
- a bottom left picture comparing Comparative Example 4 with Examples 4 and 5;
- a bottom middle picture comparing Comparative Example 4 with Examples 2 and 3; and
- a bottom right picture comparing Comparative Example 1, Comparative Example 4 and Example 1.

Thus, each occurrence of “9 pictures” in the Rule 132 Declaration should be interpreted to mean “6 pictures”. Despite the typographical errors inadvertently made in the Rule 132 Declaration, one of ordinary skill in the art would readily agree that the Declaration clearly shows that Examples 1-10 of the invention unexpectedly performed better than Comparative Examples 1 and 4 of the prior art. Therefore, the conclusion of unexpected results made in the Rule 132 Declaration is not affected by the typographical errors.

There is also a typographical error in the Response filed on August 10, 2006. Page 12, the 8th to 11th lines from the bottom, of the Response states: “Unexpectedly, the polymerization catalyst in Example 4 produced polyester having an intrinsic viscosity of at least 0.573, while the polymerization catalysts used in Comparative Examples 1 and 4 produced polyester having unsatisfactory, lower intrinsic viscosity of 0.429 or 0.483.” Instead of “Comparative Examples 1 and 4 produced polyester having unsatisfactory, lower intrinsic viscosity of 0.429 or 0.483”, the Response should have stated that “Comparative Examples 1 and 3 produced polyester having unsatisfactory,

lower intrinsic viscosity of 0.429 or 0.483." (emphasis added) The typographical error of "4" instead of "3" was made inadvertently. The typographical error would be apparent to one of ordinary skill in the art based on the context because Table 1 attached to the Rule 132 Declaration clearly shows that the polyester produced in Comparative Example 3 had an intrinsic viscosity of 0.429, while the polyester produced in Comparative Example 4 had an intrinsic viscosity of 0.608, and the polyester produced in Comparative Example 1 had an intrinsic viscosity of 0.483.

Despite the typographical errors noted above, applicants contend that the Response has presented ample reasons why the obviousness rejections of the claims over Jackson (US 3,847,873), Jackson in view of Aoyama (CA 2,253,515); Ridland (WO 99/28033); and Ridland in view of Aoyama should be withdrawn.

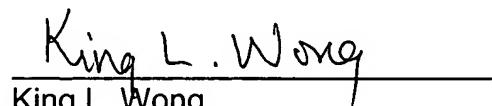
CONCLUSION

In view of the above reasoning, applicants submit that the application is in a condition for allowance. In the event that the filing of this paper is deemed not timely, applicants petition for an extension of time. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the petition fee and any fees required in relation to the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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